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For : METHOD OF DRIVING A PIEZOELECTRIC TRANSFORMER AND
POWER SOURCE APPARATUS USING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

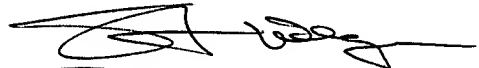
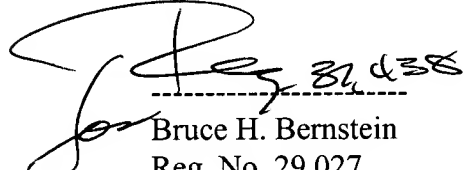
Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-135573, which was published on May 20, 1997, along with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 7 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the patent document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and is listed on a PTO-1449 Form, which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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